

SPLASH WEEKEND

With acknowledgements to Algoa Sea Scout Group's "Algoa Anchor News"

Easter in PE means "SPLASH FESTIVAL". This year we had a marvellous opportunity to team up with the Cape Town based adventure club, "On Track". The Algoa guys and girls were roped in (literally!) to help run the aerial runway over the Boardwalk Lake, and to man the Climbing Wall. We also had our normal Scout Obstacle Course for kids (and some adults!) to play on. We got a great response and many people were really interested in what Scouts are doing these days. It was, for Algoa, a great weekend for public exposure and we even made the news on TV. We have made good contacts with the "On Track" crowd and hope to be able to tie in with several of their adventures.

Butterfly – Lisbet Demeyer

INTRODUCTION COURSE – UGIE (EASTERN REGION)

From the 10th to 12th May an Introduction course for 9 Troop and 6 Pack Scouters was held in Ugie at the foothills of the Drakensberg. The School Principal at the Idyoki (Xhosa name for Ugie) School was an ex scout and we were warmly received. This school has the potential of a big group as there are 2000 learners and 40 educators at the school. We were very lucky as far as the weather goes. The Tuesday before the course it was icy cold and in the distance signs of the snow on the mountain was still visible by Saturday.



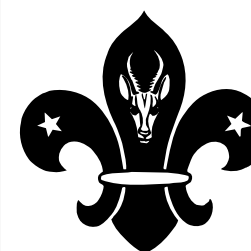
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on the arrival of baby Michael
11 April 2002

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

01 June KTV Day
04 June Commissioners' Council, Western (PE)
07-09 June PLTC, EG Kei
11 June District Scouters' Council, Western (PE)
17 June Car Rally, Cotswold (PE)
22 June Cricket Challenge, Butterworth
22 June Pet Show, Algoa Sea Scouts, PE

01-07 July NATIONAL SCOUT WEEK
01-03 July Warrant Course, Eastern
02 Jul Commissioners' Council, Western (PE)
05-07 July Skills Course, EG Kei
12-13 July Pioneering Course, Central
18 July See-O-Nee, Western (PE)
20 July Scout Council, Area
21 July Training Team, Area
26-27 July Skills Course, Butterworth

02-04 August Lion Cub Camp, Western (PE)
06 August Commissioners' Council, Western (PE)

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JENNI BUBB

25.07.1967 – 08.04.2002



A lovely photo of Jenni Bubb last year with Robin Greyling, grand daughter of Bill Hodges "Sparks" and two of her Girl Cubs.

OUR FRIEND IRIS SMITH

Those Scouters who remember Iris Smith who was involved with training in this Area a few years ago, will be pleased to learn that for her 40 years of service to Scouting have been rewarded in the UK, by being awarded the Silver Wolf, the highest award a Scouter can receive in that country. In a letter to Ernie & Leslie she says how she would have liked to have attended our Pow-Wow and wishes us luck and enjoyment with the event. Iris is on the point of receiving major medical treatment and we ask you to remember her in your prayers for a complete recovery.





“POW WOW IN THE JUNGLE”

Cape Eastern had the honour of hosting the 2002 National Pow Wow, and what a wonderful “POW WOW IN THE JUNGLE” it proved to be. Woodridge College, 35 km west of Port Elizabeth, and poised on the edge of the Van Stadens River gorge, provided the scenic venue. 150 delegates from 6 Areas, namely Cape Eastern, Cape Western, Central, Gauteng, Kwazulu Natal and Tshwane, came together to share ideas, have loads of fun, make new friendships and renew old ones. The strength of bonds formed was evident at the closing banquet by the many hugs, embraces, tears and promises to meet again.

Don't ever say that Scouters are dull. Humour abounded at Pow Wow, starting with Thursday evening's parade of campfire blankets when Ivan, brand new and sporting only 5 badges, called for a vote against Jan (whose blanket is smothered with badges!) “Anonymous” gave Ivan one vote! And so it went on to the Friday night Jungle Story concert. Mowgli, aka DJ from East London, looked ever so cute and naïve in her pink sheet as she crawled out onto the stage. That threw the “moon”, aka Hilda, into such hysterics that she forgot to rise. When the bandarlog entered the story we met some amazing, and unexpected, members of the troop. Karate monkey, aka Rocky from Cape Western, had all the right moves, plus sounds, and the Jackson monkey brought the house down; moon walk, white gloves and all. Ivan, as “Cloverbelle” the cow, was so entertaining that he even received a little toy cow from a fellow Scouter!

On the more serious side, a “Gallery” was set up in the two squash courts, providing interesting and novel ways of instruction that covered all aspects of the Cub syllabus. Here scouters tried their hand at various activities and collected loads of new ideas to take home and share with their packs. The gallery was very highly acclaimed. Dawn Muller gave an excellent First Aid demo and DJ an enlightening, and sometimes hilarious, talk on seashells. Hannelie van der Merwe, a Field Educator at Shamwari, was most interesting and after her talk everyone went on a short walk through the Woodridge Nature Reserve.

Saturday evening's closing banquet began with an outdoor Scouts Own during which scouters renewed their promise. The service was dedicated to the memory of Akela Jenni Bubb of the 1st Sunridge Girl Cub Pack. Jenni was such a vibrant lady who gave so much to scouting and played an integral role in the planning of Pow Wow. It was both sad and comforting to distribute her work at Pow Wow 2002.

Guest speakers at the banquet were Dr Jean van Onselen and Canon Eddie Daniells. Dr van Onselen, a noted historian, spoke on the founding of the town of Uitenhage, 30km NW of Port Elizabeth. (Yes, PE's little neighbour was founded in 1804 when PE was still a “glint in the eye”!) An interesting snippet - In those days it was forbidden to cross east over the Gamtoos River and so a Mr Scheepers, in search of farm land, trekked all the way to the Camdeboo (Graaff Reinet) before turning south to find out what was other side the river. He didn't cross the Gamtoos River and found exactly what he was looking for - perfect land along the banks of the Swartkops River and his farm gave rise to the town of Uitenhage.

Eddie, Rector of St Hugh's Anglican Church in PE, brought a stuffed eagle along with him to demonstrate his talk, based on Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Eddie presented fascinating facts on how we should compare our lives with that of the eagle. This bird is strong, has a massive wingspan, and can fly higher than a storm, sailing in tranquility above the tumult of the storm beneath. It is also monogamous and will only take another mate if its partner dies. Our personal faith should carry us above the storms of life where we can fly higher than an eagle, as immortalized in the beautiful Bette Midler song.

The banquet décor was superb, thanks to Lisbet Demeyer, and the food divine, thanks to the Woodridge caterers. All was done to perfection, right down to the serviettes folded into lilly pads and topped with a little Mowgli origami frog that actually jumped when pressed. Numerous “Mowglis” came close to landing in the fruit juice! Invited guests included Tiny Packwood's “Table of '87”; scouters and their partners who were integral in planning the Cape Midlands Pow Wow of 1987. AAC Veronica Davies handed the Pow Wow flag over to Gauteng; areas presented their gifts to Cape Eastern and in turn were given their part of the beautifully painted “friendship quilt” made by Akela Hilda de Vroom of 1st Uitenhage (SOE). These should be brought to the next Pow Wow to be buttoned together again. Martin de Bruyn, Scout ADC, excelled as MC (he hinted at moving from scouts to cubs - or so he told us!) Thank you Martin for your dedication. Thanks to Hilda de Vroom for all that she did and then, to Pat Minnaar, Area Secretary, who stepped in to hold it all together - thank you so much.